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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/10/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 12 is dependent upon canceled claim 5. For the purpose of further examination, the Office assumes claim 12 is a dependent of claim 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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Claims 6-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Palmer (GB 2326505 A) in view of Phillips (GB 2300062 A).

Regarding claim 6-8, 13-16, 21-24: Palmer discloses a gaming machine comprising of a gaming machine cabinet (1) and front wall structure (i.e. doorframe) (7) with mounted display panel with at least two peripheral devices such as monitors viewable through at least one opening in the front wall structure when it is in closed position (3:17-4:11), wherein the two display monitors are positioned one above the other at an angle relative to each other (4:19-21), and the front wall structure below the two display monitors with a game control panel running from one edge of the front wall structure to the other or is inclined with respect to the two display monitors (Fig. 1 & 2). The front wall structure is movably mounted via a hinge joint to hold the wall structure in its open position (4:14-16). The display panel includes a section for each display means to be viewed there through, each section has a pair of two like shaped side walls, top and bottom planar end walls, a lower front wall and an upper front wall structure, either the top or base side of each section being substantially shared by another section of the open portal (Fig. 1 & 2), and the pair of side walls angles for each section are at an angle to at least one other section of the pair of side walls when the front wall structure is viewed from the front (Fig. 1 & 2). Access to the display monitors is implicitly achieved by opening the front wall structure.

Palmer does not disclose the display monitors being affixed to the front wall structure.

Phillips discloses a display device being mounted or affixed on the panels/doorframe so as to be removable with the panel/doorframe (3:26-27). Palmer and Phillips are analogous art because they are from the similar technical difficulty of having an openable front panel. At the time of invention a person of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to incorporate Phillips's mounted display to the panels ideal into Palmer and would have been motivated to do so because they are equivalent alternatives of one another and serves the same purpose.

Regarding claim 9-12, 17-20, 25: Palmer disclose the front wall structure comprises of two separate open portals (Fig. 1: 19, 20) with an angle there between to

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allow viewing of the two display monitors. The open portal includes a section for each display means to be viewed there through, each section has a pair of two like shaped side walls, top and bottom planar end walls, a lower front wall and an upper front wall structure, either the top or base side of each section being substantially shared by another section of the open portal (Fig. 1 & 2), and the pair of side walls angles for each section are at an angle to at least one other section of the pair of side walls when the front wall structure is viewed from the front (Fig. 1 & 2). Access to the display monitors is implicitly achieved by opening the front wall structure.

Palmer does not disclose the machine comprising of only one open portal provided for at least two displays; however, the Office takes Official Notice that it is well known in the art to have only one open portal provided for two displays. At the time of invention a person of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to have only one open portal provided for two displays and would have been motivated to do so because they are equivalent alternatives of one another.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see attached USPTO form PTO-892.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seng H. Lim whose telephone number is 571-270-3301. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00, Monday-Friday, alternate Fridays off.

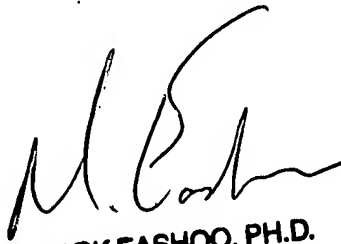
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Eashoo can be reached on 571-272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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